

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-EXPEDITED PROCEDURE-
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For **STABILIZATION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PROTEIN FORMULATIONS
WITH SMALL PEPTIDES**

Examiner Jeffrey E. Russel

June 6, 2006

AMENDMENT RESPONDING TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
DATED JANUARY 6, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,
SIR:

In response to the Final Office action dated January 6, 2006 and the Advisory action dated March 28, 2006, please consider the following remarks.

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